

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor
Tambra Varnadore, Vice Mayor
Eric Ball, Commissioner
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner
Brian Williams, Commissioner

Elected Officials Absent:

Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner

Staff and Others Present:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk
Michele Hall, Attorney
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director
Chief Garry Lowe
Bob Schmitt, Planning Supervisor/Zoning Administrator
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, followed by a moment of silence for overseas military personnel and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. Ball moved to amend the 4:00 agenda to add Resolution No. 08-28, declaring a state of emergency due to the eminent threat of Tropic Storm Fay and the School Board discussion from the 7:00 agenda.

Attorney Hall informed Commission the 7:00 agenda had been revised to reflect that the School Board discussion will in fact be the adoption of Resolution No. 08-27.

Mr. Lukowiak requested that the two first readings and advertising approvals of ordinances scheduled on the 7:00 agenda also be added to the 4:00 agenda. Attorney Hall advised the applicant for Ordinance No. 08-976 should be made aware he risks challenge by moving the item forward and any action taken at the 4:00 meeting should be reaffirmed at the next 7:00 meeting. Mr. Charles Ugarte, agent for the applicant for Ordinance No. 08-976, acknowledged the possible risk of challenge.

Mr. Ball amended his motion to include the two first readings. Motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved to approve an agenda for the 4:00 meeting to include an emergency Resolution No. 08-28 and cancel the 7:00 agenda and the remainder of the 4:00 agenda. Ms. Varnadore seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Ball opined that rescheduling the meeting should be made a part of the motion.

Ms. Varnadore amended the motion on the floor to include a reschedule date for the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded.

Mayor Bustle confirmed City Hall would be closed tomorrow but the Budget Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2008 had not been cancelled. Commission concurred that the August 19, 2008 meeting would be cancelled.

Mayor Bustle requested that the motion on the floor be amended to include the two first readings. Ms. Varnadore opined the ice cream ordinance could wait, as it needed a workshop prior to first reading, but she concurred with the addition of a first reading for Ordinance No. 08-976. Mr. Williams agreed.

Motion on the floor carried 3-1. Mr. Ball voted no.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 08-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, DECLARING THAT THE THREAT OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IS EMINENT AND THAT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN SHALL BE INSTITUTED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Ms. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 4-1 to adopt Resolution No. 08-28.

3. 1st READING & ADVERTISING APPROVAL: ORDINANCE NO. 08-976

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; APPROVING A GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (GDP 08-01, PERLE FINE LLC, PID # 3125400006, approx. .74 acres).

MOTION: Ms. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 4-1 to approve Ordinance No. 08-976 for advertising and schedule a public hearing September 2, 2008.


Commission rescheduled the Commission workshop and regular meetings for Monday, August 25, 2008. The 4:00 agenda was not altered. The 7:00 agenda will be amended to delete tab 7; no additions will be added.

Commission ratified Mayor's Bustle action to close City Hall on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, because of the weather, as well as closing City Hall and the other departments at 4:00 this date.

A brief discussion ensued on the misinformation being displayed by the news channels, the shelters that will be available for Palmetto residents and the planned City coverage for the duration of the weather event. Commission opined that a shelter should be located in Palmetto for the residents of the City.

Meeting adjourned at 4: 25 pm.

Minutes approved: October 6, 2008


James R. Freeman
City Clerk